Schemes under Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Rajasthan

†1843. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved a scheme to start Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in all the districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the target set for implementing employment guarantee related works in the rural areas under the scheme in all the districts of Rajasthan; and

(c) the amount to be allocated to the State by the Centre under the scheme in the financial year commencing from April, 2008 and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was implemented in six districts of Rajasthan on 2.2.2006. 6 additional districts were covered under the Act from 1.4.2007 and all the remaining rural areas in the State have been covered under NREGA with effect from 1.4.2008.

(b) NREGA is self targeting. Works are required to be taken up from the approved shelf of projects for meeting labour demand. During the current year, so far (up to October, 2008) a total of 152940 works have been taken up in Rajasthan out of which 46793/works have been completed.

(c) NREGA is demand based. Funds are released on the basis of proposals received from the districts which in turn are based on the labour demand in an area along with documents in support of their claim of funds. So far, in the current financial year, a sum of Rs. 4040.35 crore has been released to Rajasthan.

Purification of water in villages

1844. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented any scheme for purification of water in villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total cost likely to be incurred on said scheme especially in Uttar Pradesh and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. Government of India assists the States through the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and power to plan, implement, operate and maintain water supply systems under ARWSP is with the States. In 2006-07, to tackle water quality problem in a focused manner, Government of India started Revised Sub-mission on Water Quality as a component of ARWSP. To tackle water quality problems in the quality-affected rural habitations,

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up to 20% of the ARWSP funds can be utilized by the States. In addition, during 2008-09, a new component has been started to provide clean drinking water in water deficient rural schools by installing standalone water purifications systems. To institutionalize the water quality testing and surveillance, Government of India started National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance Programme in the year 2005-06 under which water testing kits are made available to Gram Panchayats and 5 persons in each Gram Panchayat are to be trained to carry out periodical tests.

(c) Under Bharat Nirman — Rural drinking water, which was started in 2005-06 to be implemented in 4 years, it was estimated that about Rs. 6,687 crore would be required as Central share to address water quality problems in about 2.17 lakh water quality-affected habitations in the country.

Enhancement of guaranteed employment days

1845. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for enhancement of the number of days of guaranteed wage employment under NREGA from 100 to 200 days;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to implement such enhancement of the number of days from 100 to 200 in the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry received a proposal from Chief Minister of Rajasthan for enhancement of the number of days of guaranteed wage employment under NREGA from 100 to 200 days. Another proposal was received from Shri Lalit Kishore Chaturvedi, Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha) for increasing the number of days of employment in Scheduled Tribe areas.

(c) No, Sir. At present, no proposal for enhancement of number of days of employment from 100 to 200 days under NREGA is under consideration of the Ministry of rural Development.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of PMGSY

1846. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received reports regarding diversion of funds, non compliance of tendering process and unreliable monitoring in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;